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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A two-piece solid golf ball made up of a solid core and a cover, wherein said solid core is formed from a rubber composition composed of

(A) 100 parts by weight of rubber base material containing 60 to 100 % by weight of polybutadiene synthesized by using a catalyst of rare earth element and contains no less than 60% of cis-1,4-linkage,

(B) 0.1 to 0.8 part by weight of organic peroxide compound,

(C) an unsaturated carboxylic acid and/or a metal salt thereof,

(D) an organic sulfur compound selected from the group consisting of thiophenol, thionaphthol, halogenated thiophenol, and metal salts thereof, and

(E) an inorganic filler

and said solid core deforms by 3.5 to 6.0 mm under a load of 980 N (100 kgf) and has a diameter of 37 to 42 mm, and said cover is formed mainly from (F) 100 parts by weight of a resin composition containing an ionomer resin and (G) 5 to 40 parts by weight of an inorganic filler and has a thickness of 0.5 to 2.5 mm and a Shore D hardness of 50 to 70, and that said two-piece solid golf ball made up of a solid core and a cover deforms by 3.0 to 5.5 mm under a load of 980 N (100 kgf).

2. (original): The two-piece solid golf ball of claim 1, wherein the polybutadiene is a modified polybutadiene obtained by synthesis with an Nd-based catalyst as the catalyst of rare earth element and subsequent reaction with a terminal modifier.

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3. (currently amended): The two-piece solid golf ball of claim 1, wherein the rubber composition is one which is composed of

- (A) 100 parts by weight of rubber base material containing 60 to 100 % by weight of polybutadiene synthesized by using a catalyst of rare earth element and contains no less than 60% of cis-1,4-linkage,
- (B) more than one kind of organic peroxide compound,
- (C) 10 to 60 parts by weight of an unsaturated carboxylic acid and/or a metal salt thereof,
- (D) 0.1 to 5 parts by weight of ~~an~~ the organic sulfur compound, and
- (E) 5 to 80 parts by weight of an inorganic filler.

4. (original): The two-piece solid golf ball of claim 1, wherein the ionomer-containing resin composition as component (F) is a mixture composed mainly of (M) a block copolymer having amino groups at terminals and (N) an ionomer resin, with the ratio of (M)/(N) being from 3/97 to 60/40 (by weight).

5. (original): The two-piece solid golf ball of claim 1, wherein the cover is formed mainly from a mixture containing 100 parts by weight of the ionomer-containing resin composition as component (F) and 5 to 30 parts by weight of barium sulfate.

6. (original): The two-piece solid golf ball of claim 1, wherein the cover has a large number of dimples in the surface thereof such that the dimple volume ratio (VR) is 0.70 to 1.00% and the dimple surface area ratio (SR) is 70 to 85%, with VR being defined as the ratio of the sum total of the volumes of individual dimples under the plane surrounded by the periphery of each dimple to the volume of a virtual sphere without dimples in the cover, and SR being defined as the ratio of the sum total of the areas surrounded by the periphery of individual dimples to the surface area of the virtual sphere.

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7. (original): The two-piece solid golf ball of claim 1, which has a weight of 45.0 to 45.93 g.

8. (new): A two-piece solid golf ball made up of a solid core and a cover, wherein said solid core is formed from a rubber composition composed of

(A) 100 parts by weight of rubber base material containing 60 to 100 % by weight of polybutadiene synthesized by using a catalyst of rare earth element and contains no less than 60% of cis-1,4-linkage,

(B) 0.1 to 0.8 part by weight of more than one kind of organic peroxide compound,

(C) 10 to 60 parts by weight of an unsaturated carboxylic acid and/or a metal salt thereof,

(D) 0.1 to 5 parts by weight of an organic sulfur compound, and

(E) 5 to 80 parts by weight of an inorganic filler,

and said solid core deforms by 3.5 to 6.0 mm under a load of 980 N (100 kgf) and has a diameter of 37 to 42 mm, and said cover is formed mainly from (F) 100 parts by weight of a resin composition containing an ionomer resin and (G) 5 to 40 parts by weight of an inorganic filler and has a thickness of 0.5 to 2.5 mm and a Shore D hardness of 50 to 70, and that said two-piece solid golf ball made up of a solid core and a cover deforms by 3.0 to 5.5 mm under a load of 980 N (100 kgf).

9. (new): A two-piece solid golf ball made up of a solid core and a cover, wherein said solid core is formed from a rubber composition composed of

(A) 100 parts by weight of rubber base material containing 60 to 100 % by weight of polybutadiene synthesized by using a catalyst of rare earth element and contains no less than 60% of cis-1,4-linkage,

(B) 0.1 to 0.8 part by weight of organic peroxide compound,

(C) an unsaturated carboxylic acid and/or a metal salt thereof,

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(D) an organic sulfur compound, and

(E) an inorganic filler,

and said solid core deforms by 3.5 to 6.0 mm under a load of 980 N (100 kgf) and has a diameter of 37 to 42 mm, and said cover is formed mainly from (F) 100 parts by weight of a resin composition containing an ionomer resin and (G) 5 to 40 parts by weight of an inorganic filler and has a thickness of 0.5 to 2.5 mm and a Shore D hardness of 50 to 70, and that said two-piece solid golf ball made up of a solid core and a cover deforms by 3.0 to 5.5 mm under a load of 980 N (100 kgf),

wherein the ionomer-containing resin composition as component (F) is a mixture composed mainly of (M) a block copolymer having amino groups at terminals and (N) an ionomer resin, with the ratio of (M)/(N) being from 3/97 to 60/40 (by weight).

10. (new): A two-piece solid golf ball made up of a solid core and a cover, wherein said solid core is formed from a rubber composition composed of

(A) 100 parts by weight of rubber base material containing 60 to 100 % by weight of polybutadiene synthesized by using a catalyst of rare earth element and contains no less than 60% of cis-1,4-linkage,

(B) 0.1 to 0.8 part by weight of organic peroxide compound,

(C) an unsaturated carboxylic acid and/or a metal salt thereof,

(D) an organic sulfur compound, and

(E) an inorganic filler,

and said solid core deforms by 3.5 to 6.0 mm under a load of 980 N (100 kgf) and has a diameter of 37 to 42 mm, and said cover is formed mainly from (F) 100 parts by weight of a resin composition containing an ionomer resin and (G) 5 to 40 parts by weight of an inorganic filler and has a thickness of 0.5 to 2.5 mm and a Shore D hardness of 50 to 70, and that said two-

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piece solid golf ball made up of a solid core and a cover deforms by 3.0 to 5.5 mm under a load of 980 N (100 kgf),

wherein the cover has a large number of dimples in the surface thereof such that the dimple volume ratio (VR) is 0.70 to 1.00% and the dimple surface area ratio (SR) is 70 to 85%, with VR being defined as the ratio of the sum total of the volumes of individual dimples under the plane surrounded by the periphery of each dimple to the volume of a virtual sphere without dimples in the cover, and SR being defined as the ratio of the sum total of the areas surrounded by the periphery of individual dimples to the surface area of the virtual sphere.

11. (new): The two-piece solid golf ball of claim 1, wherein the organic sulfur compound is selected from the group consisting of pentathiophenol; pentafluorothiophenol; pentabromothiophenol; parachlorothiophenol; zinc salts of pentathiophenol, pentafluorothiophenol, pentabromothiophenol, or parachlorothiophenol; diphenylpolysulfide; dibenzylpolysulfide; dibenzoylpolysulfide; dibenzothiazoylpolysulfide; dithiobenzoylpolysulfide; alkylphenyldisulfide; sulfur compounds having a furan ring; and sulfur compounds having a thiophen ring.

12. (new): The two-piece solid golf ball of claim 1, wherein the organic sulfur compound is a zinc salt of pentachlorothiophenol and/or diphenyldisulfide.

13. (new): The two-piece solid golf ball of claim 1, wherein a second polybutadiene other than said polybutadiene is added and the second polybutadiene is synthesized by using a catalyst of Group VIII metal and has a Mooney viscosity lower than 50.